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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/25/2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The claims filed on 11/28/2007 have been entered. Claim 12 has been canceled. Claims 1-11 and 13-21 remain for examination.

### ***Specification***

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the drawings are incorporated in the specification. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

- The specification includes Brief Descriptions to the Drawings. However, the drawing figures should be provided as an attachment to the specification.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is indefinite since it should be recited as "An apparatus" in line 1 instead of "The Method". Please also delete the term "the steps of" in line 2. Since this claim is indeed an apparatus claim.

Claim 2, line 1, "The method" should be changed to "An apparatus". This claim is an apparatus claim.

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Claim 3, it is not clear from the claim language whether it is a thought process or a method, or an apparatus claim, please rewrite the claim in one of identified formats. The examiner respectfully recommends applicant to write the claim in similar format as of claim 1.

Claim 4, it is not clear from the claim language whether it is a thought process or a method, or an apparatus claim, please rewrite the claim in one of identified formats. The examiner respectfully recommends applicant to write the claim in similar format as of claim 1.

Claim 5, please change "The method" in line 1 with "An apparatus"

Claim 6, please rewrite the claim in either the Method or Apparatus formats, where in the apparatus is similar to the format of claim 1. The method claim should only comprising the steps such as: (i) carrying embedded ... ; (ii) accessing ...; (iii) placing.

Claim 7, please write it as an independent method claim.

Claims 8-11, and 13-21, please rewrite as either method or an apparatus claims.

- Since applicant is not familiar with the claim language formats. The examiner respectfully invites applicant to call the examiner before re-writing the claim. The examiner also will be able to assist applicant in rewriting the claims.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien M. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2396. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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